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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHODS FOR IMPROVING PLANT AGRONOMICAL TRAITS BY ALTERING THE
EXPRESSION OR ACTIVITY OF PLANT G-PROTEIN alpha AND beta SUBUNITS**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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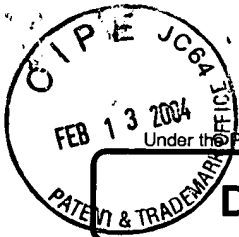
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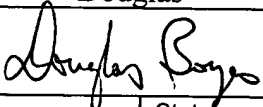
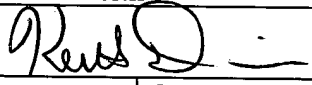
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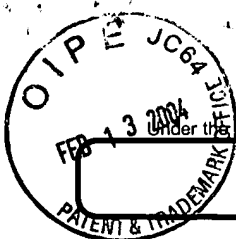
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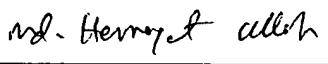

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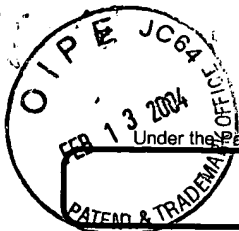
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